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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:
 - a. The Director expressed his desire to push our early retirement legislation and was somewhat critical of [REDACTED] for not reminding him to do this at last Friday's (10 January) meeting with Senator Russell. 25X1A9a
 - b. The Director said that, pending a review by the President of the Government's Cuba program, the activities of the Special Activities Staff were "stood down."
 - c. Colonel J. C. King, who had just returned from [REDACTED] with the President's special team, gave us a briefing on the situation there. In general he felt that United States forces had maintained admirable restraint under most difficult conditions and that there seemed to be no doubt that communists had been very instrumental and successful in developing a fairly minor incident into a major crisis. Our communications close support team, which was sent down on a crash basis, was extremely helpful. 25X1A6a
2. John Clarke asked me to check with Larry Houston to determine whether we need General Accounting Office clearance prior to going to the Appropriations Committee on the \$1.7 million expenditure for the new printing plant.
3. I had a telephone call from [REDACTED] one of President Johnson's military aides, inquiring about a job with the Agency. (See my Memorandum of Conversation, which I have referred to General Carter.) 25X1A9a
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4. I spent a few hours at [REDACTED] and was very favorably impressed with the support aspects of NPIC's operation.
 - a. There is still almost 70,000 square feet of space which is unoccupied; however, it does not appear that we are going to be able to use this for the Agency. The Defense Intelligence Agency, having come almost full circle in trying to avoid consolidating with NPIC, now appears ready to do so and will occupy most, if not all, of the 70,000 square feet. This is of course what the center was designed and built for, and this plan should go forward if possible. H

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b. I also looked at the fire problem growing out of the blocking off of one stairwell from the sixth floor. According to GSA safety people we are either going to have to open this stairwell or hang a fire escape on the outside of the building for the Coast and Geodetic Survey people on the sixth floor at an estimated cost of some \$35,000. In the light of the President's economy program, I think that we probably should remove the barrier and avoid spending the \$35,000. (It seems clear to me, however, that we probably made a great mistake in not evicting the C&GS people when we moved into [REDACTED] but it may not be too late now to consider this possibility.)

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5. I met with Jack Earman to discuss a report which he had prepared for General Carter concerning [REDACTED]. I told him that it did not seem to me that his report came up with anything which the Office of Logistics could not have provided on short notice if people complied with the regulations [REDACTED]. I said that it seemed to me that General Carter would look to the Inspector General for an evaluation of the necessity for all these properties rather than a mere tabulation and also that I thought he would be interested in the extent to which the regulations are being complied with.

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6. John Clarke advised me that he has a paper from [REDACTED] proposing an increase in salary for our OXCART pilots. I told him that I agreed with him that this matter should be staffed out by the Director of Personnel and also that the last time we took this up with General Carter he felt that these pilots were pretty well paid under current scales.

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7. Bob Bannerman reported that the hassle with the union at the [REDACTED] is still going on. (At the Executive Committee Meeting on 15 January Bud Wheelon reported that an injunction against the strike had been extended until 30 January, at which time the entire contract comes up for renewal.)

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